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TCOUNTRY: BRAZIL

DATE OF INFO.: 31 MARCH 1964

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN CRISIS

PLACE & DATE ACQ.: [REDACTED] (31 MARCH 1964)

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: [REDACTED]

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DISTR.: 1 APRIL 1964

1. AT 1035 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 31 MARCH '64 [REDACTED]

SAID

THAT HUMBERTO DE ALENCAR CASTELO BRANCO, BRAZILIAN ARMY  
CHIEF OF STAFF, HAD BEEN IMPRISONED. [REDACTED]

SAID THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WAS "VERY MUCH"  
IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION, AND THAT THE ACTION AGAINST  
IT WAS CONFINED TO TWO GENERALS IN THE STATE

OF MINAS GERAIS WHO ANNOUNCED THEY WERE TAKING ORDERS  
ONLY FROM GOVERNOR JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THESE GENERALS WERE UNDOUBTEDLY OLYMPIO  
MOURAO FILHO AND CARLOS LUIZ GUEDES.) THE GOVERNMENT  
HAS TOLD THE GENERALS TO DESIST OR ELSE.

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2. GENERAL AMAURY KRUEI, COMMANDER OF THE SECOND ARMY WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED IN SAO PAULO, WAS EITHER IN RIO DE JANEIRO OR ON HIS WAY TO RIO DE JANEIRO AT 1035 HOURS LOCAL TIME TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT JOAO GOULART.

3. SEVERAL UNION LEADERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THE GUANABARA STATE POLICE ON 31 MARCH '64, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY WERE RELEASED. A GENERAL STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE GENERAL WORKERS COMMAND (CGT) FOR 0001 HOURS LOCAL TIME 1 APRIL '64.

4. AT 1150 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 31 MARCH '64 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AN EXTREME LEFTIST WHO IS

A COLUMIST FOR THE DAILY NEWSPAPER ULTIMA HORA, ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL AND THAT ONLY TWO GENERALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE PLOTTING.

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5. EARLIER, AT 1700 HOURS ON 31 MARCH '64 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A LEADER OF THE POPULAR MOBILIZATION FRONT

(FMP) SAID THAT THE FMP WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE

SITUATION. [REDACTED] COMMENT : [REDACTED] APPARENTLY

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FMP, WERE OBVIOUSLY

SURPRISED BY TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.) THE FMP HAD IMMEDIATELY

ALERTED ITS GROUPS OF ELEVEN, AND BEGAN DISTRIBUTION OF

AS MANY ARMS AS IT COULD LAY ITS HANDS ON. LEONEL

BRIZOLA, WHO IS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL, TELEPHONED

FMP HEADQUARTERS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, TO SAY THAT HE

WAS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR GUANABARA. BUT PAULO

SCHILLING, AN ADVISOR TO BRIZOLA, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM

FEDERAL DEPUTY MAX DA COSTA SANTOS, STRONGLY URGED

BRIZOLA TO STAY IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL AND TO ORGANIZE

HIS FORCES THERE FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE.

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6. [REDACTED] DISCIPLINE AMONG GOULART'S MILITARY SUPPORTERS WAS BREAKING DOWN. HE CITED THE REACTION OF GENERAL ORMAR OSORIO, WHO, WHEN CALLED BY COLONEL DAGOBERTO RODRIGUES, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MAILS AND TELEGRAPHS (DCT) AND A BRIZOLA SUPPORTER, SOUNDED FRIGHTENED AND WEAK, AND WHO REFUSED FLATLY TO EXPRESS ANY OPINION ON THE DEVELOPMENTS.

7. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE FMP AND OTHER LEFTISTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT THE DCT.)

8. FINALLY, [REDACTED] GENERALS KRUEL, CASTELO BRANCO, AND ARMANDO DE NARAIS ANCORA HAD SENT GOULART A MESSAGE ON 31 MARCH '64 IN WHICH THEY OFFERED TO SUPPORT HIS GOVERNMENT IF HE WERE TO PUNISH THE REBELLIOUS MARINE CORPS ENLISTED MEN AND REESTABLISH MILITARY AUTHORITY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE CASTELO BRANCO'S PARTICIPATION.)

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